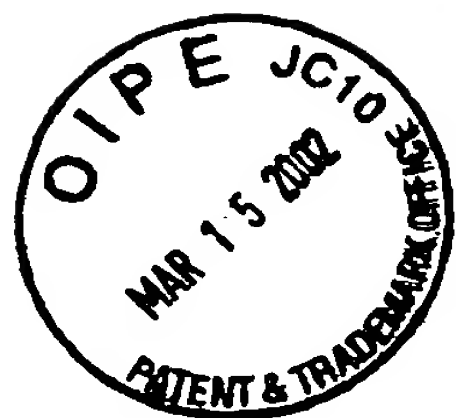


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In re Application of : NITZAN, Boaz
Serial No : 09/822,500 ✓
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For : OFFSET PRINTING PLATE FOR DIRECT INK JET CTP



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Washington, DC

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This subject Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in connection with Applicants' continuing duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56. This related art, in Applicant's opinion, constitutes the closest art of which Applicant is aware related to the invention of the above-identified application.

Listing of Relevant Documents

The relevant documents are listed in the attached Form PTO-1449.

REMARKS

Included in the relevant documents attached herein, are four Japanese Patents in Japanese. The following is a summary of their relevance.

Japanese Patents JP 10,157,053, JP 10,076,624 and JP 10,024,549 describe a method which involves injecting oily ink through a nozzle and forming an image on an image forming layer of an original plate. Resin is impregnated in the non-image formation area of the image-forming layer. The non-image formation area is desensitized by subjecting the resin to chemical reaction, to form a flat printing plate.

JP 10,076,625 involves performing thermofusion of solid ink composition at normal temperature. Ink is injected from a nozzle on to an intermediate transfer object and an image is formed. Then, contact transfer of the image from the intermediate transfer object to the image acceptance layer of an original plate is carried out. The area where the image is not formed in the image acceptance layer is

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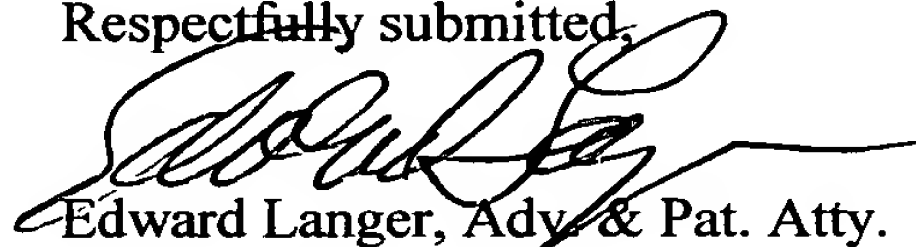
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processed by chemical reaction and it is formed on the waterproof support body that has resin.

No representation is made that more pertinent material is not available or should not be considered by the Examiner, and it is expected that the Patent and Trademark Office will conduct independently a complete search of the appropriate prior art.

It is respectfully requested that each document cited be given thorough consideration and that each be cited of record in the prosecution history, and, if determined to be relevant, to appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward Langer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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